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AND SCENERY
MOSTLY IN
UTAH

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28 N. Clinton st.
Rochester N.Y.

March 28 1878

Went to Braddock's Bay and staid over night at ~~Edwards~~ Skinner's

Very few ducks - probably on account of the early season permitting them to pass North without stopping here

March 29.

1 Red-head ♀ (T.) 1 Crow (T.)

Apl 2d

Went to Braddock's again and staid two nights

1 Blue-bill ♀ (over decoys S.)

Apr. 3

2 Blue-bills ♀, ♂, (over decoys S.)

Apr. 4

1 Blue-bill ♀ (T.)

1 Crow (T.) 1 Killdeer Plover (T.)

Apr 20 Webster

2 Killdeer Plover (T.)

A

May 16th J. Bay.

No 1 ♀ Bittern (T.)

May 18th J. Bay

No 2 " Gallinule ♀ (T.)

May 23 Vineyard near Rockett

No 3 ♂ Icterus baltimore (L.) Baltimore Oriole" (S) (~~L. Tot. 7 1/2~~)
Length 7 1/4. Extent 9. Wing 3 5/8
Tail 2 3/4. Bill 3/4. Tarsus 7/8.
1st Toe 3/8. 2d Toe 9/16

May 23, Ploughed field near R

No 4 ♂ Eremophilia alpestris (Vieill) Boie
"Horned Lark" (S)
L. 7. Ex. 13. W. 4 1/4 tl. 2 3/4
b. 7/16 tr. 7/8. 1st Cl. 3/8

No 5 ♀ do. same place & time
L. 7. Ex. 11 3/4. W. 3 3/4 tl. 2 1/4
b. 7/16. tr. 7/8. 1st cl. 3/8

May 30 Cherry Tree R.

No 6 ♂ Ampelis cedrorum (V.) Bd.
"Cherry Bird," (S) "Carolina Waxwing"
L. 7 Ex. 11 1/4. W. 3 3/4 tl. 2 1/2 b. 3/8

June 13th L. Bay.

No. 7 ♂ Ochthodromus Adelaida exilis (Gm.) Gr.
"Least Kittiwake" (T.)
L. 13½ Ex. 17. W. 5⅞. tl 1⅞
t. 1⅞ tr. 18.

June 21st Ridge road Near R.

No. 8 ♂ Sialia sialis (L.) Haldeman
"Eastern Bluebird" (T.)
L. 6½. Ex. 12½. W. 4. B. ½. tr ¾
tl. 2⅜ 1st t. 5/16 3rd t. ⅝.

No. 9 ♂ Icterus baltimore (L.) Dandin
"Baltimore Oriole" (S)
L. 7½. Ex. 11¾ W. 3⅜. tl 3. B. ⅝
tr ⅞. 1st t. ⅜ 3rd t 9/16.

July 3rd

No 10 ♂ Colluricincla harmonica (S)
L 8⅜ Ex. 12. W. 3⅜ B 9/16 tr 45/16 tl 3½

No 11 ♂ Colluricincla harmonica (S)
L 9½. Ex 12⅜ W 3⅜ tl 4 B 9/16 tr 1 3rd t ⅜

July 5th 1 day above T. Bridge

No 12 Picus pubescens (S)
In such poor condition that I did not keep it. Only 6 tail-feathers and many of the white spots on its wings were eaten (?) away

No 13 ♂ Gallinula
" Gallinula "Mud-hen" (local) (S)
L. 14 3/4 E x 22 3/4 Wg. 7 Tl. 3 Tar 2 1/4 Exp 1 1/4.
Bill, frontal plate, and ring around tibiae, red; tarsi, toes, and tip of bill, green.
Stomach was filled with a mass of green vegetable matter with a good deal of sand mixed in. The green matter when examined under the microscope showed large numbers of diatoms and some conferva.

Went to Kodaicanal with Frank Ellison and saw
[illegible] quite a number
of [illegible]
6 Lizards 5 Lizard Hawk 4
[illegible] 5
[illegible] Woodpecker
[illegible] Red Munia

Aug 22
[illegible] with J. E. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] (J.)

21

thm.

Sept 17th

Hunting Woodcock and stagnol
over no[illegible] at Kennis.

(No 22) 1 Esquimaux Curlew (S)
3 Sanderlings (S)
2 King Plover (S)
1 Stilt Sandpiper (S)
1 "Hell Diver" (Red-[illegible]) (S)

Sept 18th

(No 23) 2 Golden Plover (S)
1 Hell Diver (S)
1 Semipalmated Sandpiper (S)
(No 24) 1 Dittern (S)
(No 25) 1 Killdeer (S)

Regulus Trail me
L. 10½ Ex. 20 W. 5⅜ T. 4 [illegible] [illegible]

Sept 19th Friday

12 Black birds (S)
No 26 1 Am. Widgeon (S)

Hunted Americana
L. 19½ Ex. 35½ W. 10 T. 4 [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] I stayed till Tuesday and had [illegible] met me at [illegible]

Nov. 2

2 Bullit Falls [illegible]

Nov 3

1 Bullit Falls [illegible]

1 [illegible] [illegible]

Nov. 4

29 1 Quaker [illegible]

Nov. 5

2 Quakers [illegible]

2 Mallards [illegible]

1 Canvasback [illegible]

1878 ...15

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my annual Citation.
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12 Small hooks to Shipchannel.
3½ in. large Otter Line.
1½ " small " "
2 " Sinkers.

S.L.F.
25 Hooks No. 8. 25 Hooks No 5
" " 4. " " BB.
8 " Buckshot.
Stored in Cedar keg at
[illegible] at
8-5. [illegible]
[illegible] Ft. Wm. Traine.

F.M.21
[illegible] 20 Hooks. No. 1
" 20 " " 5-
" 20 " BB

F.M.22
[illegible]

Pork	15 lbs.
Flour	50 "
Breakfast Bacon	15 "
Baking Powder	2 cans
Hard bread	15 lbs
Salt	1 qt.
Pepper	1 lb
Vinegar	1 gal.
Corn Meal	25 lbs
Condensed Milk	10 cans
Canned Beans	
Peaches	1 can
[illegible]	1 "
Jam Assorted	½ lb.
" Apricot	"
Assorted Jelly	"
Coffee	1½ lbs
Tea	½ lb
"	"
" Pork	
" Chili	
Canned Beans	3 cans
[illegible]	2 lbs

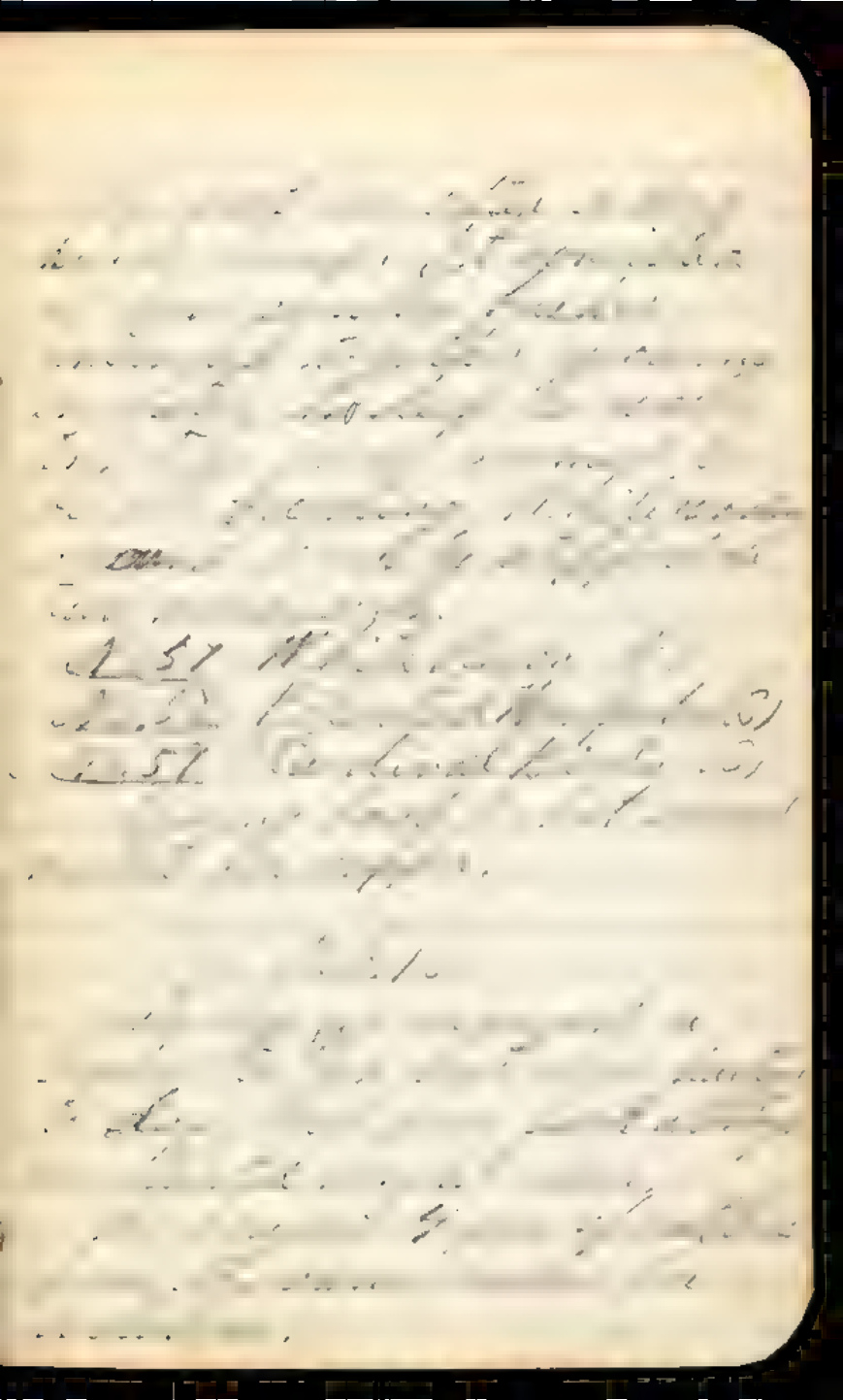
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
2 Small [illegible]
No39 White, Fe2 [illegible]
W. [illegible] "

Feb 5

[illegible]
[illegible]
No40 [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
60 Seeds with No5
[illegible]
[illegible]
No.41 Small Blue Heron Sf
No.42 2 Louisiana Egrets Sf
" 43 " " "
" 44 2 Small White Herons "
" 45 Brown Pelican "

Schiff, Master, 2 Stiegance.

Left
Early yesterday I sent some
[illegible] to the
[illegible] Schooner
[illegible] loaded
80 Sacks with No. 5
50 " " " 8
[illegible]
[illegible] 2 o'clock.



[illegible]

[illegible]6 [illegible]

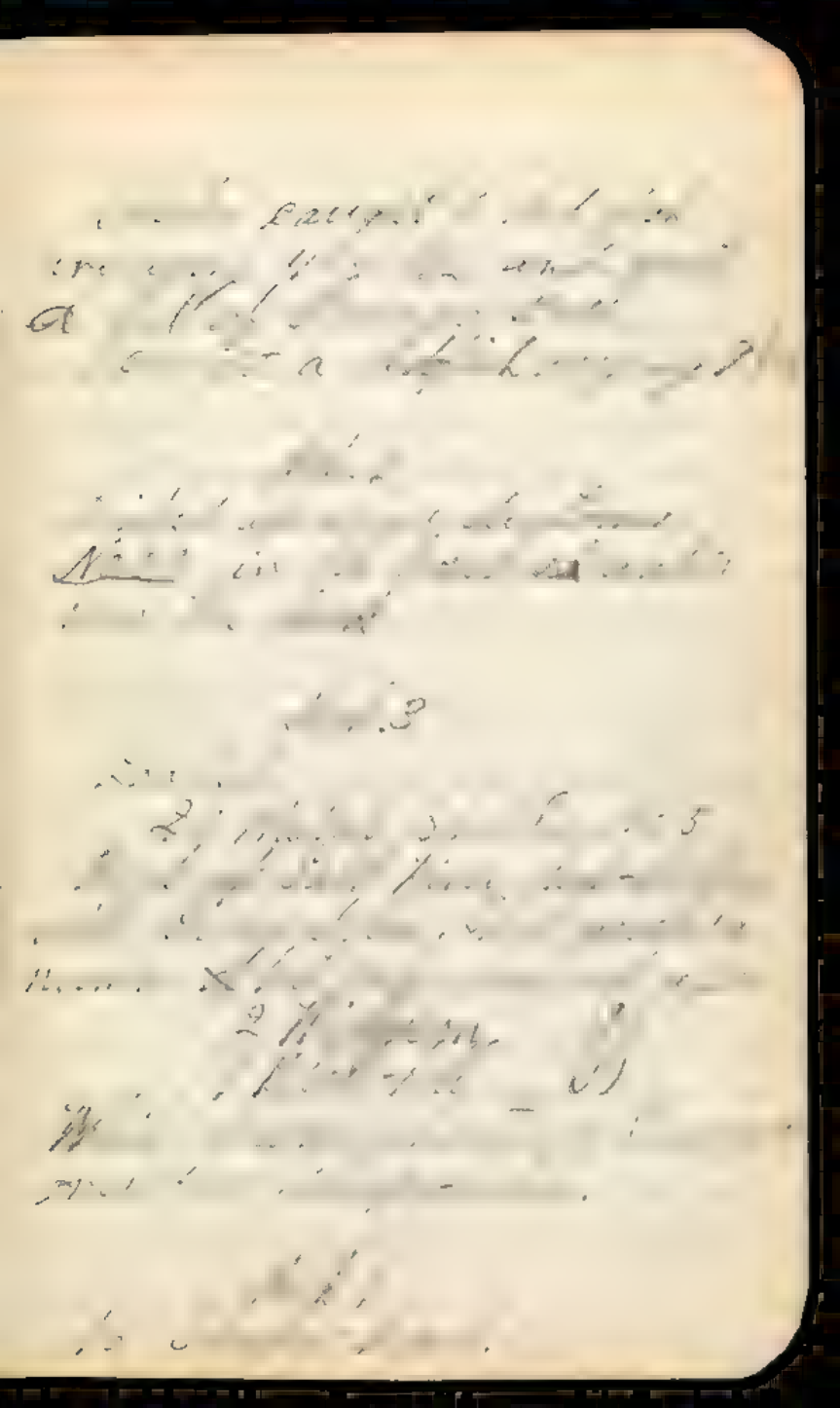
Candler went to Manatee after the mail but found it had not arrived.

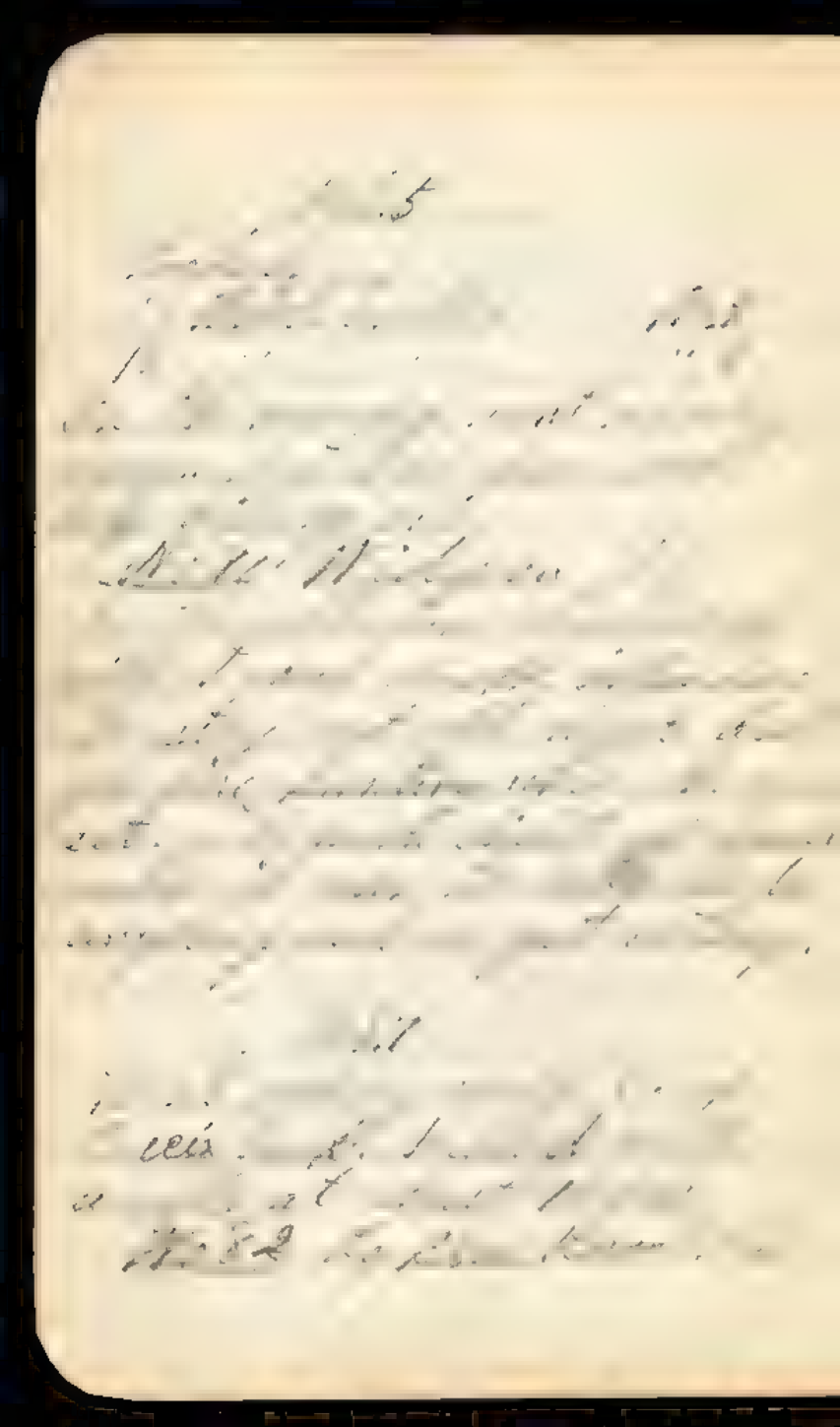
In the afternoon Graham & Cooper drove to see the people to see if they in the place had killed and skinned

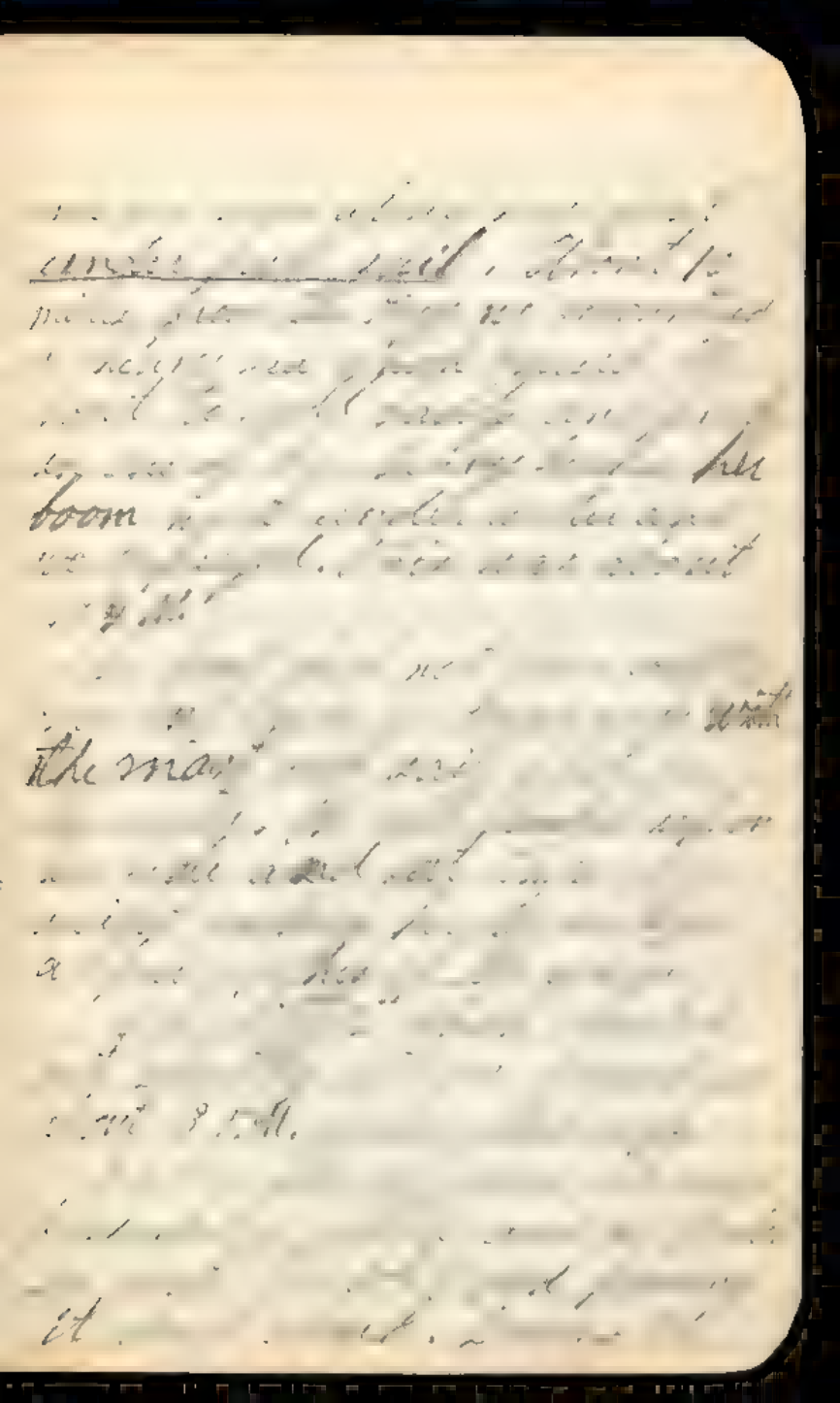
We found seven dead ones floating in the pond and also quite a number of live ones swimming in the lake. Ted Mann got on his pony and then we had fun

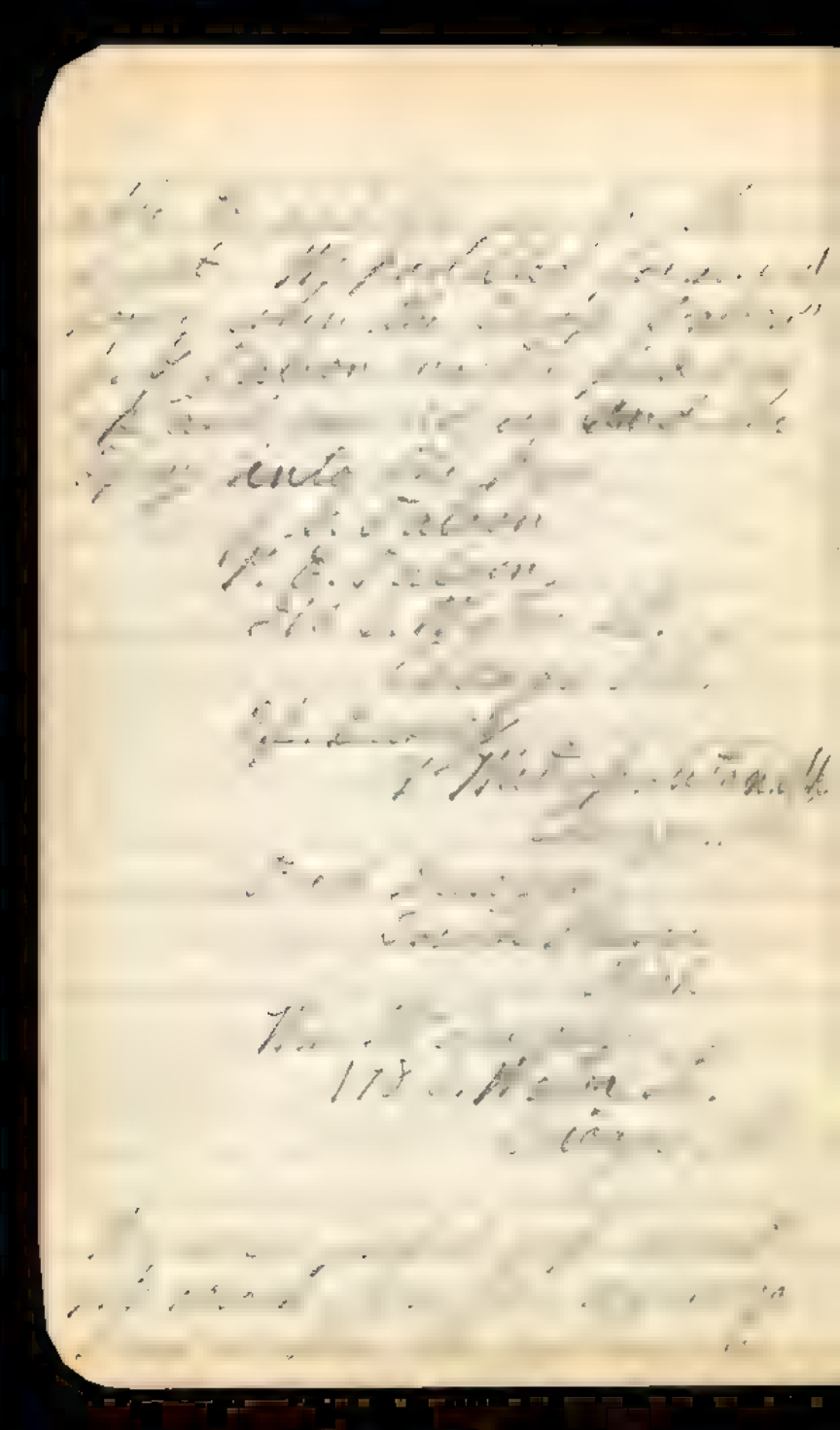
We then went around & found it [illegible]

No 23 Cultivator
No 24 Cultivator









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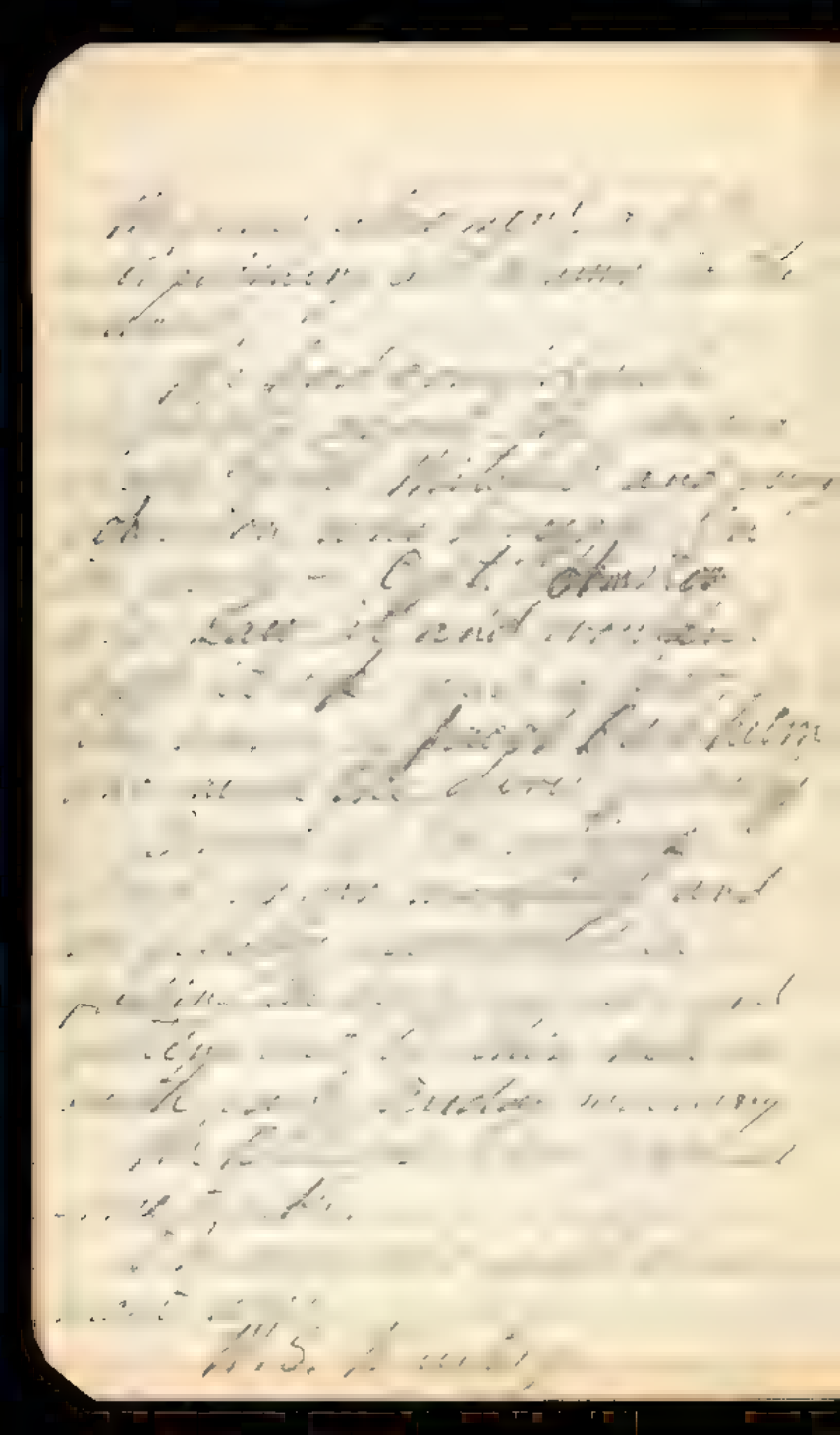


No 89.

No 90

No 91

[illegible] long

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Woodward Bay above bridge

June 13

No. 92 Bittern ♂ ♀ L 24 Ex 29½

No. 93 Green backed Fly. catcher ♂

L. 6¼ Ex. 9 Wg. 3 ' N. 2½.

June 14

No. 94 Long billed Marsh Wren ♀

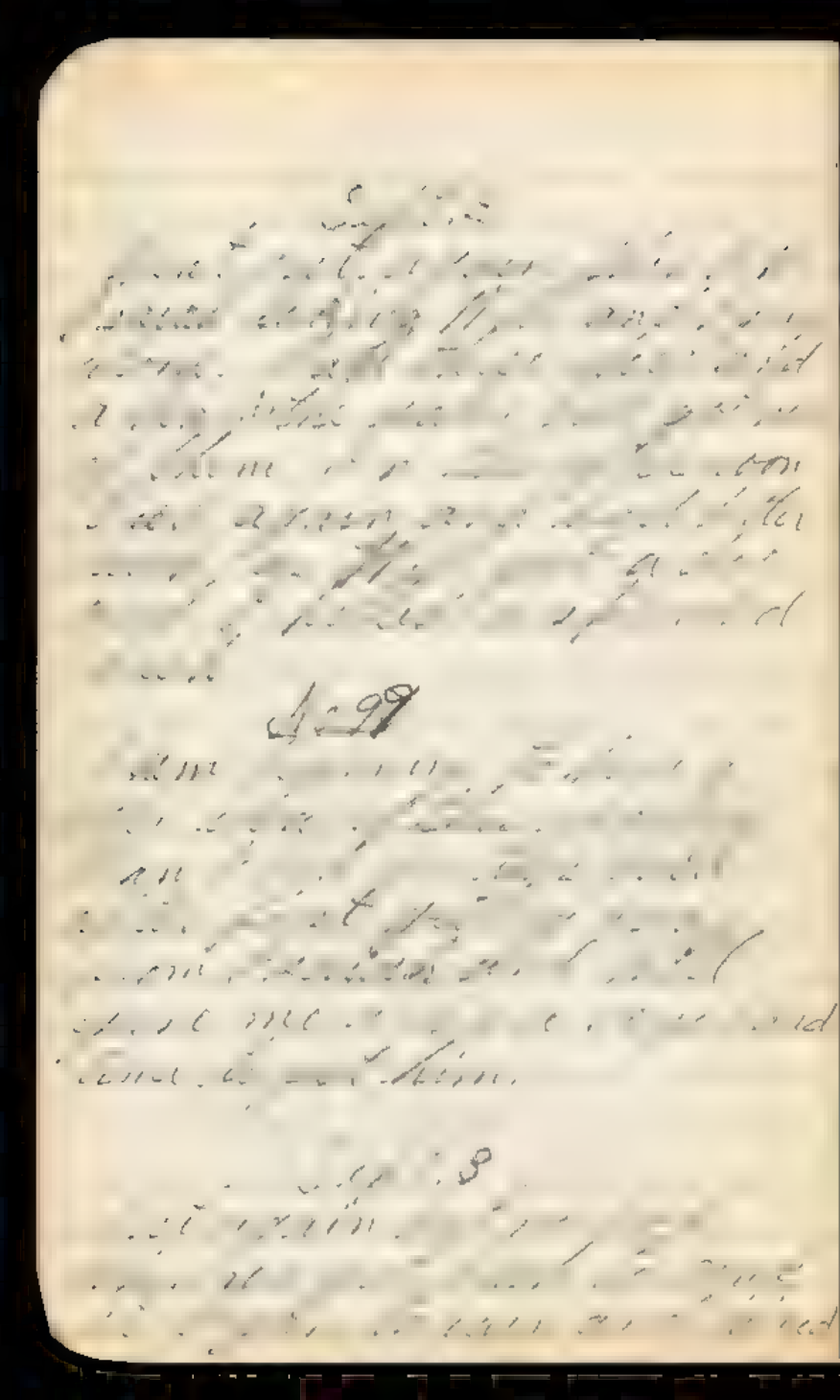
L. 4¾ Ex. 6 Wg. 1⅞ N. 1⅝

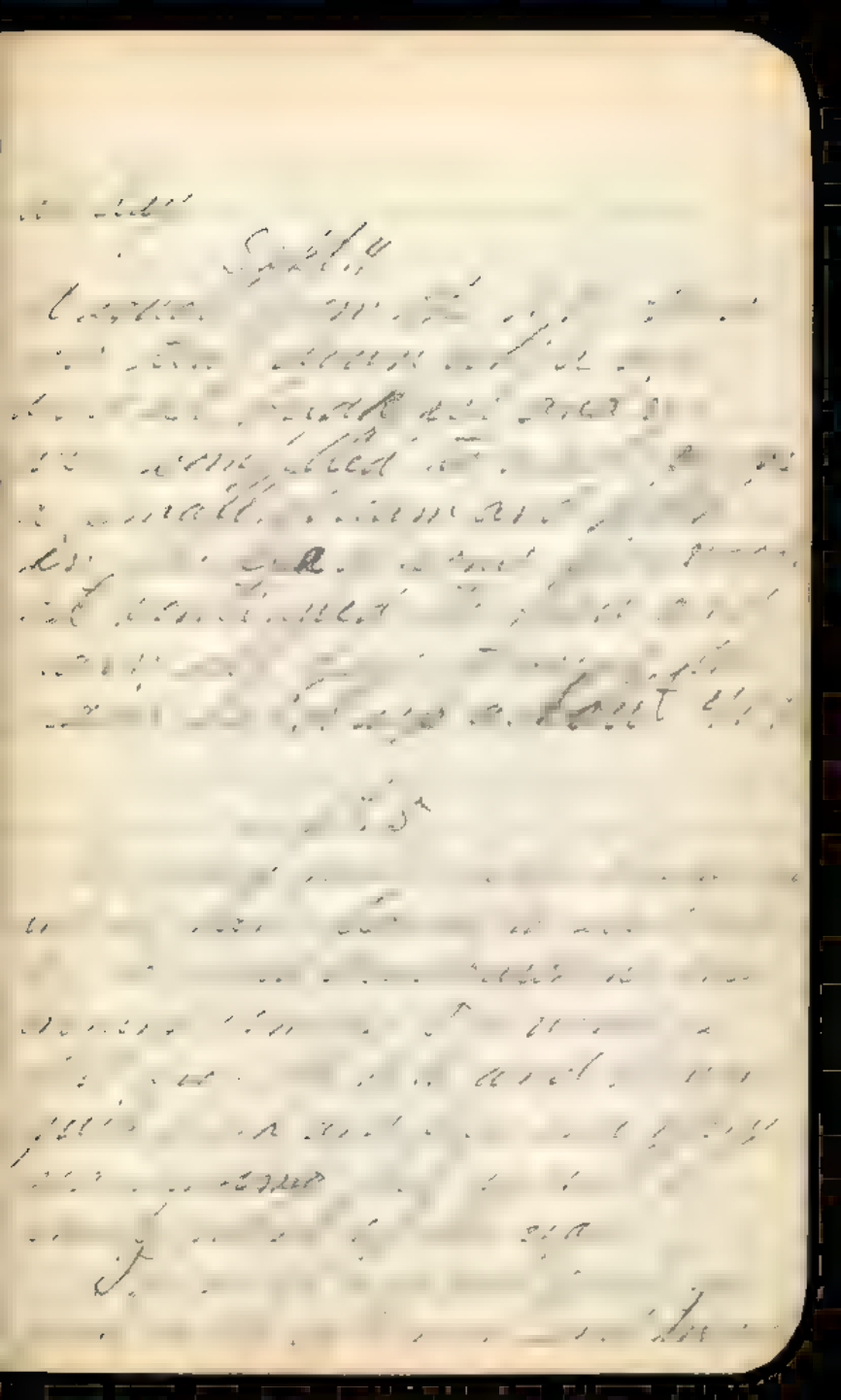
No. 95 Crow ♂

L. 17 Ex. 33½ Wg. 11¼ N. 1

July 2nd

No. 96 Found an egg of F. Gallinule on June 16th (quite fresh) and placed it under a hen — hatched to-day.





Kenard

No.100 2 [illegible]
[illegible]

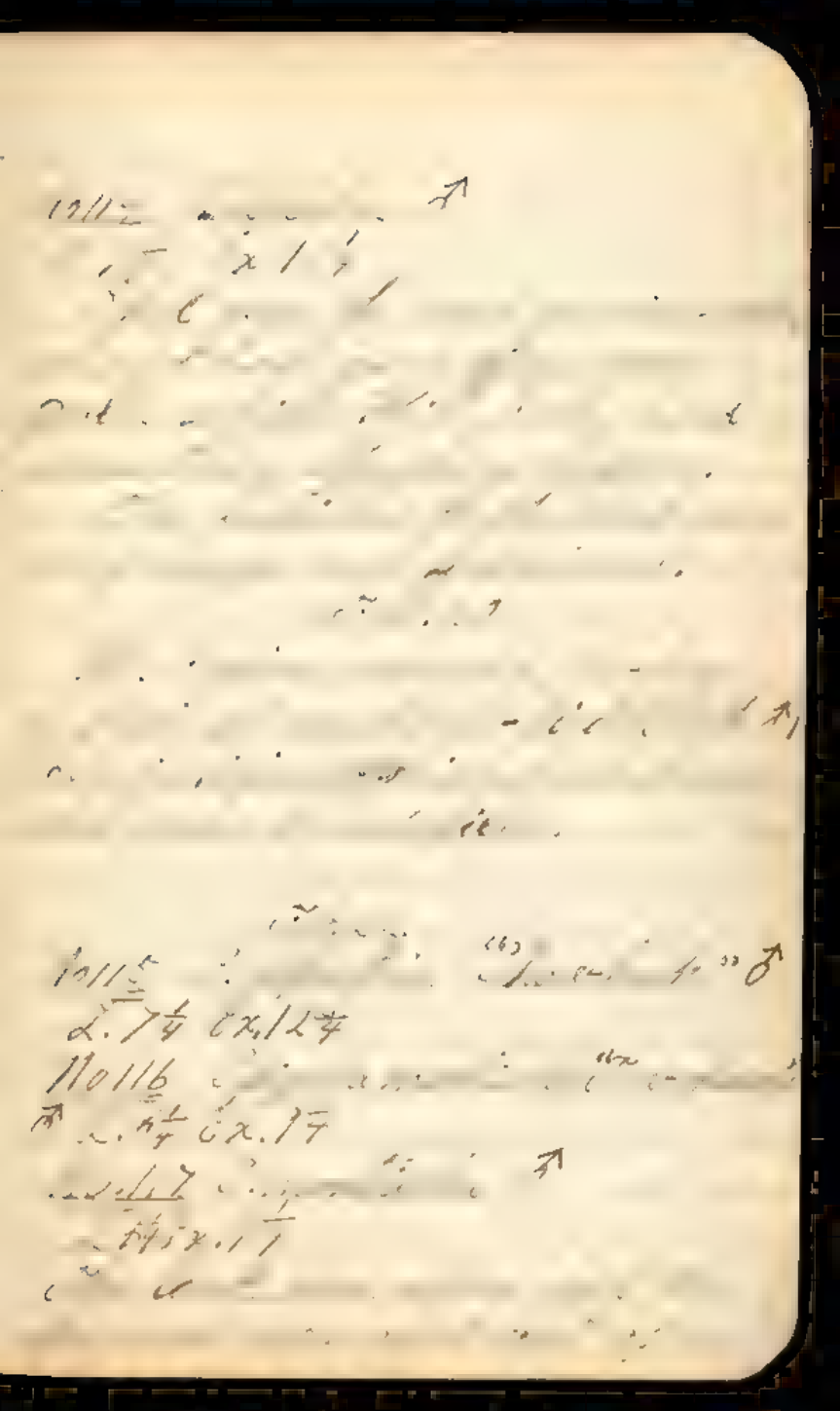
No. 13
[illegible]
No.101 Butter ball (s)

Jan. 1 — 1880
No. 102 White-bellied Nuthatch.

Jan. 24
No.103 Spizella Monticola
"Tree Sparrow" ♂ L. 6 Ex 9¼

No.104 Spizella Monticola
"Tree Sparrow" ♀ (?)

No.105 [illegible]



Feb. 24

Quite a number of cherry birds appeared on Prince St. today.

Feb. 28

Took my canoe to the Lake which is still frozen from Snyder's to the Lake. Quite a number of ducks - mostly "coweese" and a few blacks. Immense number of the common or herring gull.

Feb. Wed. 4 P.M.

No. 118 Larus argentatus ♂

Common gull 2.27

[illegible] Bird [illegible]

[illegible] Duck birds. There last are said to have [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] Gull [illegible] not by Bird Fate

Mar. 4. 6. P.M.

No. 119 Turdus [illegible]

No 120 Melos

Gun & loading & cleaning tools
metal shells & cartridges, pistol &c
compass, matches, spy glass, fishing-
tackle, taxidermists tools, cotton wool &c.
Screwdriver, whet stone, pliers, pocket book
pencils, writing paper, etc Postal cards
labels, pins, needles & thread, Saw
~~razor~~, sticking plaster, carmoline, brandy
pain killer, ~~tools~~ riding, & shooting
coat, rubber cape, [illegible] in rucksack
extra pocket knife, cardigan, cap, coat
hat, Quinine, pocket, visiting cards
clothes-brush, shirts, neckties, underwear
flannel, caps, scarfs, soap, razor etc
clothes brush, tooth brush, nail brush & comb
stockings, overcoat

Needed

Canvas leggings, moccasins, rubber coat
Portmanteau, shoes, tinned provisions to
Cheap heavy water, small pocket book

canvas shoes, pair low top shoes, belt hunting knife; Cheap red cotton handkerchief, corduroy suit, rifle etc

Aper. 30 Hamilton

No 127 Egg & Nest.

Nest built of twigs about two feet in diameter & 8 or 10 deep, about 6 in. deep in middle, cavity lined with horse-hair. Entrance concealed. In a fir tree about 5 ft. from the ground.

May 8

Macgillivrays warbler mutilated

No 125 Cyanospiza Ciris
Stellers jay, 2 X. 8 ♀ cont. to Buck.

No 126 Empidonax Acadicus
Acadian fly catcher 6 X 2 3/4 ♂

May 10

No 128 Accipiter fuscus 11½ X 21 ♂

May. 11

No. 128 Pipilo maculatus var. Arcticus
Arctic Towhee 8¼ X 11½ ♂

No 129 Troglodytes aeon var. parkmanni
House wren 5 X 6¼ ♀

No. 130 Catherpes mexicanus
Mexican Wren ♂

No. 131 Helminthophaga virginiae
Virginia's Warbler 5 X 8¼ ♂

May 12

No. 132 C. Stelleri
Steller's Jay 12 X 17½ ♂

May 31 Monument Park

No. 133 Steller Jay (Mrs. Cleets)

No. 134 Asyndesmus Torquatus
Lewis Woodpecker 11¼ X 21½ ♀

No. 135 Falco sparverius
Sparrow Hawk 11X22½ ♀

No. 136 Sialia arctica
Arctic Bluebird 7½X13½ ♀

June 1

No. 137 Vireo gilvus
Warbling vireo 5½X9½ ♀

No. 138 Goniaphaea melanocephala
Blk headed Grosbeak. 8½X13 ♂

No. 139 Sialia mexicana
Western Blue-bird 6¾X13 ♂

No. 140 Pyranga ludoviciana
Louisiana Tanager 7½X11½ ♂

No. 141 Pyr. lud. 7½ 11¾ ♀

No. 142 Pyr. lud 7½X12 ♂
(pure grow)

June. 3

No 143 Falco sparverius
Sparrow Hawk 11 X 22½ ♂

No 144 Colaptes mexicanus
Red shafted wood-pecker 13¼ X 21¼ ♂

June. 4

No 145 Zonotrichia leucophrys
White crowned sparrow 7 X 10 ♀

No 146 Sturnella magna var neglecta
Meadow-lark 9¾ X 15½ ♂

No 147 Falco sparverius
Sparrow hawk yg ♀

June 5

No 148 Pipilo maculatus var. megalonyx
8½ X 13¼ ♂
Iris dark red

June 7

No 149 F. sparverius
Sparrow hawk 10½ X 22 ♂

No. 150 Sialia arctica
Arctic Blue-bird 7½ X 13¼ ♂

No. 151 Zenaedura carolinensis
Carolina dove ♂

June 8

No 152 Asyndesmus torquatus
Lewis' Woodpecker 10½ X 20 ♂

No 153 Pica melanoleuca var. hudsonica
Magpie 20½ X 24½ ♂

No 154 Colaptes chrysoides
Gilded woodpecker 13 X 2. ♂

No. 155 Hirundo horreorum
Barn swallow 7½ X 12½ ♂

June 9

No. 156 Tyrangra ludoviciana
Louisiana Tanager 7¼ x 12 ♂

No. 57 Sonaphaea melanocephala
Black-headed grosbeak 8 x 12¾ ♂

June 10

No. 158 Melanerpes erythrocephalus
Red-headed woodpecker 9¼ x 18 ♂

No. 59 " " erythrocephalus
9¼ x 18 ♂

No. 166 S. stelleri
Steller's Jay 12¾ x 19 ♂

No 161 Accipiter fasciatus
Sparrow-hawk 10¾ x 23 ♂

No. 162 Chordeiles virginianus
Night-hawk 9¼ x 23 ♂

June 14

Y.C. 63 Scolecophagus cyanocephalus
Brewers Blackbird. 17 X. 5½ ♂

Y.C. 64 S. cyanocephalus
Br. Blk-bird 7½ X. 5 ♀
Iris yellow in ♂ brown in ♀

About the middle of July rode up to Estes Park. 150 miles.

July 25

Started out from Estes with Hank Farrar as guide. He furnishes pack-horse provisions, blankets, hounds – Nutty –, etc. for $3.00 per day. Rented 40 Cal 50 gr. Maynard Rifle. Camped at edge of timber line. Clouds & mist all around us.

July 26th

Camped on Grand River 10 or 12 miles from Grand Lake

Shot a couple of Ptarmigan coming over the range & we caught some trout for supper.

July 27th

Hank took Strayhorn down to Grand Lake & returned about noon down with Ballard & —
Rained during night.

July 28

Camped 4 or 5 miles below Jack City. Rain during afternoon & evening.

July 29

Reached — Creek. On the way we saw the Park we saw numbers of Antelope. Killed one & Could have killed a number more if I had wished. Camped about noon — then started out & Shot a handsome black-tailed buck out of a band of four.

July 30

Went up onto the range at 8 & did not get back until 7. Found the horses had pulled their pickett pins & we spent several hours catching them. Saw a number of black-tails but spent our time trailing a band of about 40 buffalo Caught up with them about 3 oclock & killed one by a very pretty shot at about 100 yds striking him just back of shoulder while in motion. Hank killed the biggest bull in the herd firing some 6 or 8 shots at him Last ball aimed directly between the eyes seemed to have no effect at all. The track made by this ball measured 11in X 12in Terribly tired.

July 31

Spent to day in resting until about noon & then

packed up & tried to find a camp on top of range Were prevented from reaching our destination by a large piece of fallen timber & finally had to camp in a small valley. Rain in P.M.

Aug 1

Hunted on the range all day starting at 6 & getting back about 5. Saw a deer & a band of a dozen or so elk - all cows & calves. Did not disturb them as we were ~~out~~ after a pair of antlers. Rained slightly.

Aug 2.

Yesterday we discovered a trail leading to top of range & today we moved out camp up. This makes our hunting much easier saving us a climb of 4 or 5 miles & enabling us to begin hunting at daylight which is an incentive

In the afternoon we were out looking for a bull elk but merely found another band - about 40 - of cows & calves..

Aug 3

Up at daylight & off after my bull elk which I am determined to have. Saw one before we had gone a quarter of a mile. Tried a shot from where we were standing about 500 yds but failed to disturb him. Went down the hill & across a little valley coming within 50 yds of him. Made a clean miss first shot but as he started off I put a bullet through his shoulder crippling him so that he could move no faster than a walk Then I put another shot into his flank & flank fired bringing him to his

down but he got up again went a few yards further & then went down a second time. Prepared the head & broke up camp & started home about one. Hard thunder shower in afternoon.

Aug 4

Passed through Park City & camped on Grand River out of which Hank caught a very nice mess of trout in a few minutes.

Aug 5

Camped on the range a mile or two from Specimen mountain.

Aug 6

Got back to Estes Park about 4 oclock in the midst of a hard thunder shower.

Aug 17

Went down the stage road some 12 miles with Hank after some bears we had

heard of. Tramped around all the afternoon through the roughest country it has ever been my misfortune to see. Found many fresh traces of bear but failed to find the bear which considering the nature of the place was rather fortunate for us

Aug 18

Hank is sick this morning - had cold on his lungs. Walked back to Estes getting there about dinner time.